

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending in the application. Claims 1-4 and 7-15 stand rejected, claims 5-6 are objected to, and claims 16-20 are withdrawn from consideration.

By the present amendment, claims 1 and nonelected claims 16-20 have been canceled, claims 5 and 6 have been amended to be in independent form, the dependencies of claims 2-4 and 7-15 have been changed to depend directly or indirectly from amended claim 5 and new claims 21-33 have been added to depend directly or indirectly from amended claim 6.

Applicants acknowledge the Examiner's indication that claims 5-6 would be allowed if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim (i.e., claim 1) and any intervening claim of which there are none.

Claims 5 and 6 have been amended as proposed by the Examiner to place the application in condition for allowance. In addition, in these claims the term "copolymers" has been amended to "copolymer" in order to conform to the term "compatabilizer" which is recited in the singular.

As amended, claims 5 and 6 and the claims depending therefrom, i.e., claims 2-4, 7-15 and 21-33, are deemed to be in condition for allowance, formal notice thereof by the Examiner being respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing amendments to the claims, the Examiner's prior art rejections are now moot with further discussion thereof being unnecessary.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all the claims now pending in the application are in condition for allowance. Early and favorable reconsideration of the case is respectfully requested.

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